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| TITLE OF INVENTION INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS, RECORDING MEDIUM AND PROGRAM                                    |                 |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Applicants herewith submit to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: |                 |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.  | $\boxtimes$     | This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.  |                 | This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3.  | $\boxtimes$     | This is an express request to promptly begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4.  |                 | The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (PCT Article 31).  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5.  | $\boxtimes$     | A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |                 | <ul> <li>a.  is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b.  is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ul>  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6.  | $\boxtimes$     | An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7.  | $\boxtimes$     | Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |                 | <ul> <li>a.  are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b.  have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c.  have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d.  have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ul> |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8.  |                 | A English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9.  |                 | An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10.   |                 | An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 11.   | $\boxtimes$     | An Information Disclosure State  | ement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.                         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12.   |                 | An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is include  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13.   |                 | A FIRST preliminary amendme  | nt.   | EXPRESS MAIL   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 15.   |                 | A substitute specification.  |   | Date of Deposit: <u>December 19, 2001</u>  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 18.   |                 | A second copy of the published U.S.C. 154(d)(4).   | international application under 35                        | under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box PCT, Washington, D.C. 20231. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|   |                 | PCT/RO/101, PCT/IB/301, 304<br>93 sheets of drawings   | , 308, PCT/ISA/210  | (Signature of person mailing paper or fee)   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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